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CRAMPTONS WORKERS BANNED FROM STRIKING

Fight for direct employment

Defy the Industrial Relations Act

Solidarity pickets have been placed for two weeks on Crampton's site at Dublin City University and Smurfits Business Park Clonskeagh.

This is in support of workers who have been banned by the High Court from taking strike action to secure legitimate employment.

In the case of Clonskeagh the workers have proved beyond all possible doubt they were being forced to work for cash-in-hand.

The judge didn't care about this. Instead the Industrial Relations Act was used to ban these workers from picketing for a legitimate dispute.

In the DCU site the same sub-contractor who employed the workers in Clonskeagh is operating.

As recently as the beginning of February the High Court was informed of the use of the same illegal practices at this site.

Despite this workers fighting this injustice and for their rights have also been banned from picketing.

Numbers of rank and file building workers from sites around Dublin have been picketing in defiance of these injunctions to win proper employment at Cramptons sites.

Every building worker should support these workers. They are fighting crooked employers and big business interests that are only interested in making profits from the blood of building workers.

Cutting corners to make big profits has meant that 41 building workers have been killed in three years on sites in Ireland.

We need proper PAYE employment conditions if we are to guarantee safe working practices and proper benefits for workers in this industry.

That will mean spreading the fight throughout Dublin and beyond.

■***The trade union leaders should be following the lead of the rank and file workers and lead an all-out fight to eliminate labour-only sub-contracting from sites in Ireland.***

The Industrial Relations Act is a law designed to tie the hands of trade unionists behind their backs. High Court judges — who have never done a hard day's work in their lives — are sitting in judgement of trade union disputes and banning workers from taking action while turning a blind eye to systematic law breaking by the employers.

This Act need to be broken.

■***Instead of talking of "partnership" with the government and the employers, the trade union leaders should row in behind the actions of rank and file workers and openly defy the Industrial Relations Act***

The Celtic Tiger has produced huge profits for the building bosses. And it has shown why it is necessary to oppose the capitalist system which cares only for the profits of the rich.

None of the Dáil political parties is prepared to stand up to the millionaires and tax swindlers who control the economy. Labour and Democratic Left showed by their record in the last coalition that they have abandoned working class people.

We need a grass-roots genuinely socialist movement on every site, in every factory and in every estate to argue for solidarity and to oppose the arguments the bosses use to divide us.

Sooner or later working class people will have to replace a system based upon production for profit for one based on production democratically organised to meet human need human need.

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